(b) the treaties signed by the two countries as a result of the discussions held; and

(c) the action so far taken by the two Governments to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The topics discussed included bilateral cooperation in the political, defence, trade, investment, economic cooperation, tourism and cultural spheres.

(b) and (c) The Foreign Ministers of India and Indonesia signed the Agreed Minutes of the Third Joint Commission Meeting between India and Indonesia and a Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of a Vocational Training Centre in the Construction Sector in Aceh, Indonesia.

Talks with Government of Pakistan

513. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks of Government of India with Government of Pakistan have been suspended;

(b) whether any political party has made any request with Government for suspension of talks;

(c) whether any dates for resumption of talks have been fixed as on date; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No. The fourth round of the Composite Dialogue was initiated by the meeting of the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries in March, 2007 and discussions on seven of the eight subjects under the Composite Dialogue Process have been completed.

(b) Government are not in receipt of any such request.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Case of Mohammed Haneef

514. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken up the case of Mohammed Haneef, who was in detention in Australia, with Government of Australia;

(b) if so, the details of the stands taken by Government as regards charges against him and the cancellation of visa of Shri Haneef; and

(c) the response of Government of Australia in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) Government requested for 'fair and just' treatment for Dr. Mohammed Haneef under Australian law.

(c) The Australian Government dropped the criminal charges against Dr. Mohammed Haneef and Dr. Haneef returned to India on July 29, 2007.

Visa to IAS official by China

†515. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China retains its claim on Arunachal Pradesh of India and as a result it has refused visa while expressing its objection to an IAS official of Arunachal Pradesh cadre/original resident; and

(b) if so, the complete details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes. China illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the Eastern Sector. An officer of the Arunachal Pradesh cadre of the Indian Administrative Service was refused a visa to visit China for a study tour in May, 2007. Government have taken up this issue through diplomatic channels and reiterated to the Chinese Government that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India.

Poverty alleviation schemes

516. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central schemes currently in operation in various States for poverty alleviation;

(b) whether there is any monitoring mechanism available for watching the performance of these schemes;

(c) whether these schemes have been reviewed recently; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor and to reduce the urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing a centrally

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